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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000  
(Situation Map attached).

From 031200B May 45  
To 041200B May 45  
Hq. 12th Army Group  
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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGE:

Boundary change between 6th Army Group and 12th Army Group (effective 3 May): As before to FREISING Y9686 (to 12th Army Gp) - thence to MUHLDORF Z5571 - INN River to junction with SALZACH River vicinity Z8669 (all to 6th Army Gp) - STRASSWALCHEN V1146 (to 12th Army Gp) - BAD ISCHL V4018 - SCHLADMING A4383 - MAUTERNDORF A5054 - VILLACO C8780 (all to 6th Army Gp).

Boundary between XVIII US Airborne Corps and VIII British Corps: As before to GUDOW T0155 - thence along road to RJ T0362 - CR T0367 - RJ T0270 - SCHONBERG T1088 (all to XVIII US Abn. Corps).

Boundary between XII British Corps and XXX British Corps: As before to HARSEFELD S1741 (to XXX Corps) - thence along AUE LUHE Canal to its confluence with the ELBE River in the vicinity of S2655.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (031200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps, 4th French Mountain Division. (With 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Units occupied LUSTENAU C4571. 5th French Armored Division. Advanced up to eight miles to the southwest on a four-mile front. Units of the division captured LUSTENAU C4571 and reached the northern section of DORNBIRN C5170. Strong resistance to the northeast of HOHENEMS C4764 halted the attack of Combat Command "5". Front line change: C4571 - C4966 - C5170. 1st French Armored Division. (With 2d Choc Gp atchd). Mopped up enemy pockets of resistance in the ILLER Valley from IMMENSTADT C8787 to OBERSTDorf C9270 and captured many prisoners of war. Front line change: C9270.

II French Corps. 1st French Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of TUTTLINGEN W8031. 3d Algerian Division. The 2d Group Moroccan Tabors was relieved from attachment to the division and attached to the 4th French Mountain Division.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 100th Division and 63d Division. No change. 115th Cavalry Group. Attached to Seventh Army 30 April and further attached to VI Corps 2 May.

VI Corps. A representative of the Commanding General VI Corps entered INNSBRUCK D7658 and commenced negotiating the surrender of German forces in the ALPS between Lake CONSTANCE C2594 and ROSENHEIM Z2827. 44th Division. Advanced up to three miles to the east. The 114th Infantry occupied BODEN D1758 and reached the vicinity of D2058. Units of the 71st Infantry reached the vicinity of D3462. The reconnaissance troop protected the right flank and reached the vicinity of C8952. Snow and terrain hindered the advance of the division. Front line change: D1758 - S2058 and D3462. 103d Division. The 409th Infantry advanced up to eight miles to the south on a five-mile front and reconnaissance parties reached the areas D5262 - D5261 - D5559 - D5454. The remainder of the division assembled in the vicinity of PARTENKIRCHEN D5382. Front line change: D6165 - D6558 - D7258. 101st Airborne Division. Attached to XXI Corps and commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of PITZLING Y3540. 115th Cavalry Group. Attached to VI Corps 2 May.

XXI Corps. 36th Division. Advanced up to two miles to the east on a five-mile front and captured PAD TOLZ Y8714. Front line change: Y9016. 4th Division. Advanced up to fifteen miles to the southeast on a ten-mile front. Front line change:

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Y9515 - Y9811 - Z0114 - Z0616 - Z0426. 12th Armored Division. Advanced up to three miles to the east and expanded its bridgehead across the INN River in the vicinity of Z2821. Units of the division reached the vicinity of Z3110. Front line change: Z3319 - Z3021.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Advanced up to twenty-eight miles to the east on a three-mile front. Units of the division mopped up an enemy pocket of resistance in the vicinity of Y7746. Front line change: Z2822 - Z5025 - Z5026 - Z3927 - ROSENHEIM Z2827. 42d Division. The 242d Infantry advanced southeast up to twenty-three miles on a six-mile front. The remainder of the division assembled in the vicinity of Z0541. Front line change: Z3133 - Z3338 - Z3342. 106th Cavalry Group. Captured the 9th Hungarian Division while protecting the corps right flank. Contacted elements of the 86th Division in the vicinity of Z3452. Front line change: Z3043 - Z3150 - Z3550 - Z3452. 20th Armored Division. Assembled in the area Z0658 - Z1551 - Z1860.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XVIII US Airborne Corps. 82d US Airborne Division. (With CCB 7th US Armd Div atchd). 505th Parachute Regiment advanced up to six miles to the southeast on a five-mile front. Front line change: T3609 - T4016. 8th US Division. Elements of the division contacted Russian forces in the vicinity of NEUSTADT T5638. 7th US Armored Division. (Less CCB). Combat Command "R" advanced up to sixteen miles to the northwest and occupied REHNA T1981, GREVESMUHLEN T2791, GRIEBEN T1888 and SCHONBERG T1188. Combat Command "A" remained assembled in the vicinity of T2502. Front line change: T2381 - T2791 - T1888 - T1188.

VIII British Corps. 6th British Airborne Division. (With 1st Commando Bde and 15th Bde atchd). Advanced up to two miles to the northeast on a four-mile front. The division was attached to XVIII US Airborne Corps. Front line change: T4991. 5th Division. (Less 15th Bde). Advanced up to nine miles to the northeast on a seven-mile front. Front line change: T0983 - S9982 - LUBECK S9490 - TRAVEMUNDE O0600. 11th Armored Division. Advanced up to fifteen miles to the north on a three-mile front. Occupied NEUSTADT O0116, BAD OLDESLOE S7482, NIENDORF S8394 and GEESCHENDORF S7895. Reconnaissance elements advanced to the vicinity of N5904. Front line change: O0116 - S9799. 15th Division. Advanced up to eighteen miles to the north and northwest on an eight-mile front. Reconnaissance elements reached the vicinities of S6772 and S6567. Front line change: S7876 - S7358 - S6957 - S6858 - S6660.

XII British Corps. No change.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Advanced up to three miles to the north on a four-mile front without opposition. Front line change: S0759 - S0361 - S0060 - S0059 - S0056. 51st Division. Advanced up to eight miles to the northwest on a five-mile front against moderate resistance. Mines were encountered in the vicinity of R8245. Front line change: R7956 - R7153. 52d Division. Units of the division advanced up to six miles to the northwest on a two-mile front. Front line change: R6210.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Occupied OLDENBURG R3205 upon its surrender. Advanced up to ten miles to the northeast along the OLDENBURG - BRAKE R4926 road without opposition. Front line change: R3408 - R4019 - R3313. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Advanced up to fourteen miles to the north on a six-mile front but encountered mines, road blocks and anti-tank fire. Front line change: R2713 - R3115 - R2919 - R2719 - R2123 - R2133 - R1528. 1st Polish Armored Division. Only slight enemy contact was made during the period. Occupied MOORBUR R1021, WESTERSTEDE R1218 and BOKEL R0013. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced northwest up to one and one-half miles on a three-mile front. OLDERSUM Q7326 and TERGAST Q7527 were occupied by enemy troops supported by self-propelled guns, mortars and the EMDEN Q6432 shore batteries. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Continued mopping up operations in the area of DELFZIJL Q4626.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

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**XXX Corps.** Guards Armored Division. Units seized an airfield in the area S1653 which was found in unusable condition. STADE S1557 surrendered without opposition and was occupied. On the left, MINTEENBG R9136 was entered without resistance. Front line change: S1753 - S1553 - S1557 and R9136. 51st Division. (With 71st Bde atchd). The 152d Brigade crossed the canal in the vicinity of R9444. Front line change: R9444. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). Gained four miles northwest on a five-mile front against determined resistance. Front line change: R8713 - R8309 - R8207.

**FIRST CANADIAN ARMY.** I British Corps. No change.

**II Canadian Corps.** 3d Division. Reconnaissance units found the area R5806 and R5705 free of enemy and occupied the area. Front line change: R5806 - R5705. **2d Canadian Division.** Units advanced four miles northwest on a three-mile front. The only obstacle to the advance was due to mine fields. Front line change: R5101 - R4805 - R3600 - W3598 - W3298. **3d Canadian Division.** Gained one mile north on a two-mile front. Front line change: Q8318 - Q8117 - Q8018. **1st Polish Armored Division.** The 10th Polish Armored Brigade passed through the 3d Canadian Division and reached the vicinity of Q8718, a gain of two miles. Front line change: Q8718.

**AIR.** (30 Apr). Eighth Air Force: No operations owing to weather conditions. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No operations. The Tactical Air Commands flew 311 sorties.

**4. WEATHER (Battle Area).** Precipitation: Scattered rain, snow and sleet showers during the entire period. Clouds: Scattered to broken in the morning, becoming broken to overcast during the afternoon. Visibility: 2 - 4 miles at dawn, becoming more than 6 miles by 1200B, except in rain where limited to 2 miles and in sleet and snow where less than 1 mile. Wind: 12 mph, south southwest. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 47° F. Minimum 34° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

**12TH ARMY GROUP.** **THIRD ARMY.** Enemy resistance on the army front was scattered. (Army Troops). **474th Infantry (non-div).** No change. **70th Division.** No change. **4th Armored Division.** Released from 12th Army Group Reserve and enroute to the XII Corps zone. **16th Armored Division.** Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of NURNBERG Q4100 in 12th Army Group Reserve.

**III Corps.** **86th Division.** Advanced southeast up to six miles on a ten-mile front. **99th Division.** Advanced east up to five miles on a nine-mile front. The 394th Infantry Regiment assembled in the vicinity of GAUNKOFEN U2512. **14th Armored Division.** Armored Infantry units advanced east up to six miles and reached the vicinity of THANN Z1890. **14th Cavalry Group.** The 18th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron patrolled the ISAR River on the corps left flank.

**XX Corps.** **80th Division.** The 319th Infantry crossed the ISAR River in the vicinity of U3710 and U4312. **71st Division.** Advanced south on an eight-mile front and gained up to three miles. The 14th Infantry cleared the enemy from PILSTING U6123. The 66th Infantry cleared the enemy from WALLERSDORF U6827. The 5th Infantry Regiment assembled in the vicinity of U6528. **13th Armored Division.** Combat Command "B" advanced south up to eleven miles and reached the vicinity of MALGERSDORF U6904. Combat Command "A" advanced southeast up to fifteen miles and reached the vicinity of U9195.

**XII Corps.** **26th Division.** Advanced south up to four miles on a fourteen-mile front. **11th Armored Division.** Combat Command "B" advanced southeast up to nineteen miles, captured the bridge intact over the RANNA River in the vicinity of OB KAPPEL Q4412 and reached the vicinity of LEMBACH Q5406. Combat Command "A" advanced five miles northeast to the vicinity of Q5041. **5th Division.** Advanced northeast on a six-mile front and gained up to eight miles. The 2d Infantry Regiment closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of KIRCHDORF Q0449. **2d Cavalry Group.** Patrolled in the vicinity of ZWIESEL Q0161. **90th Division.** Advanced northeast up to four miles on a nine-mile front.

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**FIRST ARMY.** (Army Troops). 78th Division. No change. 9th Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to VII Corps and placed under direct control of First Army and in SHAEF Reserve. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of WEIMAR J5271 - JENA J7067.

**V Corps.** 97th Division. Advanced east on a thirty-eight mile front and gained up to nine miles. 1st Division. The 26th Infantry advanced east up to four miles on a six-mile front. Occupied BAD ELSTER P2096, RAUM P2493 and BRAMBACH P2590.

**VIII Corps.** No change.

**VII Corps.** 2d Division. The 23d Infantry and 38th Infantry Regiments were enroute to the V Corps zone. 69th Division. (Less 272d Inf). Relieved the 23d Infantry and 38th Infantry (2d Div). The 272d Infantry Regiment was attached to the 104th Division. 104th Division. (With 272d Inf atched). The 415th Infantry Regiment relieved the 271st Infantry Regiment (69th Div) on the front line in the vicinity of E4518 ~ E4129.

**NINTH ARMY.** XIX Corps. 83d Division. (With 113th Cav Gp atched). The 113th Cavalry Group contacted the 340th Infantry, 121st Division (Russian) in the vicinity of APOLLENSDORF E3174 at 301330B and at ZIEKO E2178. The Commanding Generals of the 83d Division and the 121st Division (Russian) met.

**XIII Corps.** 29th Division. Units north of the 21 Army Group - 12th Army Group boundary were relieved by the 8th Division.

**XVI Corps.** 95th Division. The 378th Infantry Regiment closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BREMEN W7399 and was attached to the 21 Army Group.

**FIFTEENTH ARMY.** (Army Troops). 66th Division (with 422d and 423d RCTs atched) and 106th Division (less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change. 115th Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the Seventh Army zone on 29th April.

**XXIII Corps.** No change.

**XXII Corps.** No change.

**6. CASUALTIES.** (cumulative to 302400B Apr).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	73,225	296,193	34,985	10,024	414,427
Non-battle					319,386
<b>Total Casualties</b>					<b>733,813</b>

**7. COMMAND POSTS:** Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: XV Corps AICHACH Y5190; XXI Corps Y3474; I French Corps RAVENSBURG X4111; 3d Division Y5259; 4th Division EGLING Y4159; 36th Division SCHWABMUNCHEN Y2457; 45th Division HAIMHAUSEN Y8375; 1st French Division STRASSBURG W0298; 3d Algerian Division STUTTGART S0722; 4th French Mountain Division TROSSINGEN W6742; 1st French Armored Division WALDSEE X5127; 5th French Armored Division RAVENSBURG X4111.

21 Army Group: XXX Corps W8892; XVIII US Airborne Corps DAHLENBURG T0114; 5th British Division MELECKE S7812; 15th British Division S8339; 51st Division S0028; 11th Armored Division SCHWARZENBEK S8249; Guards Armored Division S0527; 6th Airborne Division S8716.

12th Army Group: V Corps GRAFENWOHR P0031; VII Corps LEIPZIG E2314; 5th Division GRAFENAU Q1444; 26th Division TITLING Q1429; 80th Division ERGOLDSBACH U2820; 86th Division FREISING Y9686; 99th Division ARTH U1807; 9th Armored Division APOLDA J6576; 13th Armored Division STEPHANSPOSCHING U7136.

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